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Residents Agree on Need for F6 Bus Service, But Differ on Route

by Barbara Likowski

City Council voted at Monday night's meeting to defer a decision on the new F6 Metro route between Greenbelt and Silver Spring until the council had had an opportunity to discuss with staff possible alternatives to the route. A motion by Councilman Thomas White and seconded by Councilman Charles Schwan setting up a work session was passed 4 to 1, with Mayor Richard Pilski voting "no" because he felt that a decision should be made that evening.

Testimony from interested citizens attending the meeting indicated that all supported the added service but that some were against the present route, which had been in effect about a week. Two mentioned the need for it to run on Saturday also.

Pilski expressed surprise that so many people had come to testify in favor of the route. Usually more people come out in opposition, he noted.

Approval for the new service came from two commuters, three people from the area which will be served by the route, and a student who attends American University.

Bernice Kastner, Northway, travels to Rockville by bus. The trip is long, she said, but much easier now that she does not have to wait at Beltway Plaza. Kastner told council she does not mind walking to the Center for the bus but if she should have to walk to a turnaround spot (probably in the Charlestowne Village area), the length of her walk would be tripled. Having come from Montreal where the bus system is excellent, with frequent pickups, Kastner feels that most people don't appreciate what good public transportation can be. She feels it will be used more and more in the future as families not wanting to purchase another car find that transportation for more family members can be filled better and more economically by good public transportation.

She did not think Westway was too narrow but thought parking might have to be restricted to one side of the street.

Margaret Smith, 48 Ridge, who commutes to Providence Hospital also supported the new bus service. She told how her trip had been shortened from about two hours to one because she did not have to transfer for the third time at Beltway Plaza and can come straight through to Greenbelt. "Whichever way it comes in," she's for it, Smith said.

Several people expressed the need for bus service for the southern end of the city, which has never had bus service before. A woman from Ridge Road who was also for the new service conjectured that perhaps people who did not ride buses had never had the "horrible experience" of getting to Beltway Plaza just as the other bus pulled out and being stuck there for two hours. She did not feel that the whole community should be deprived of this new service because a few people did not like it.

Opposition

All those speaking against the present route live in the 1 Court of Westway, Robert Krider, Charles Wells and Ruth Lee. While agreeing that they were not against the bus service, they objected to the use of Westway because it is narrow, the hill and intersection are difficult for buses to negotiate and fumes and noise would be unpleasant. Krider suggested using Southway instead. Wells and Lee both thought there could be a turnaround in the apartment area. Wells suggested that the bus could then enter the Center by way of Southway. Lee didn't see the need for the bus to come to the Center at all.

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GHI Holds Hearings On Rehabilitation Plan

Since receiving the bulky black and white booklet, the GHI Rehabilitation and Planning Study, many members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. have had questions. Why do we need to rehabilitate? What, exactly, is being planned? Will rehabilitation lower heating and maintenance costs? What will happen to the homes without rehabilitation? Above all, how much will it cost?

These questions, and many more that members may have, will be answered at the two information meetings planned for the coming week—Monday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the North End Elementary School and Saturday, March 11, 1-5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library.

For the last 11 years, GHI boards and committees have grappled with establishing long-range plans for the future of GHI. In 1974 the members directed the board to come up with a long-range plan for five, ten and twenty-year goals. In response, the board established the Long Range Planning Committee in order to "develop a comprehensive master plan of rehabilitation firmly based on needs and methods of financing such rehabilitation."

Though some members may look at their own homes and see no visible signs of deterioration, many homes are showing signs of age. Some of the problems GHI faces are siding on frame homes that is beginning to soften, an electrical system inadequate to meet today's need, sagging casement windows and lack of parking in many courts.

Some members looked at their monthly heating costs in the breakdown of their monthly charges and were appalled by the figures. The GHI board is also very concerned about rising fuel costs. All of the pipes and crawl spaces beneath the frame homes have recently been insulated to eliminate drafts and save oil. The heating plants have undergone major renovations to increase efficiency. One of the chief goals of rehabilitation is to save on energy consumption. Further insulation of the walls, weatherstripping, storm doors and windows will mean reduced fuel costs as oil prices escalate.

With the help of Community Development Block Grant funds and other federal programs to assist low income residents, GHI expects to accomplish needed rehabilitation—over a period of years—without substantial increases in members' monthly charges. Through the planned hearings GHI members, as well as the Board of Directors and management, can say in what direction they wish GHI to go.

— Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

North End PTA

Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m., the North End PTA will meet. A special program featuring physical education skills performed by 75 youngsters will highlight the evening. Also to be discussed will be the possible closing of North End by the Board of Education.



AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, March 6, 1978 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Meeting
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. Greenbelt Homes, Inc.
Area Playground Improvements Utilizing Federal Community Block Grant Funds - PRAB Report

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Cable TV Commission

V. MISCELLANEOUS

PRELIMINARY AGENDA -
SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Cold Weather Help For Senior Citizens

Federal money has been made available to the Department of Services and Programs for the Aging to be used in meeting cold weather related emergencies to those over 60 years of age.

The funds may be used only for individuals or couples living alone whose financial resources are exhausted. The money may be used for: Purchase of food, fuel and clothing; Emergency evacuation and living arrangements; Home delivered meals; Emergency delivery of supplies; Escort and special transportation services; Snow removal; Emergency home repairs; or any other weather crisis-related services.

Senior citizens who believe they may be eligible should call the Prince Georges County Department of Aging at 350-1554. Closing date for all applications is March 31.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS! INFORMATION MEETINGS

on

REHABILITATION

of Members' Homes

Come to one of the meetings with your questions for the consultants and members of the GHI Board of Directors MONDAY, MARCH 6, 7:30 p.m., North End School or SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1-5 p.m., Greenbelt Library.

School Board Plans for Busing Strongly Criticized at Rehearsal

by Mary Lou Williamson

More than eighty Greenbelters gathered in the Council Chamber with the Greenbelt School Study Committee Sunday, February 26 to prepare for the school board hearings which began Tuesday, February 28 and will continue through March 13 (see accompanying article).

Howard Savage, School Study Committee chairman, summarized Greenbelt's position. "At first, Plan 1 seemed to have some good points to it, the kids would be returned to neighborhood schools," Savage told the audience, "but closer scrutiny turned up a number of disadvantages. Chief among them would be closing of North End School. Many schools in the county would not fall within the court imposed racial guidelines (perhaps causing the entire plan to fail) and Greenbriar students would be switched out of Center School. "The School board", he criticized, "is ignoring the city's boundaries when determining school boundaries".

Community Support Sought At School Hearing Tonight

Tonight, Thursday, March 2, Greenbelt will present its case before the Prince Georges County Board of Education in opposition to the Demographic Study Alternatives I and II (Plans 1 and 2). At least 18 members of the community — School Study Committee, City Council, Greenbelt Homes, PTA's and residents — armed with prepared statements and visual aids (graphs and charts) will attempt to persuade the school board at its public hearing that Greenbelt would not be well served by either Plan 1 or Plan 2. The Greenbelt contingent stresses that all interested residents should turn out if possible, since a strong support group will demonstrate that the community is united in opposition to the plans.

The public hearing, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Eleanor Roosevelt high school, will include a presentation by the school board staff, followed by an opportunity for the public to ask questions or comment on the plans. However, only those persons who have pre-registered will be allowed to address the board and staff.

Three more hearings are scheduled for Monday, March 6 at Oxon Hill, Wednesday, March 8 at Largo and Monday, March 13 at Roosevelt. All will begin at 7:30 p.m. Persons wishing to speak at any of these hearings must first sign up by calling Mrs. Davis at 952-4324. School Study Committee members have already presented summaries of Greenbelts views at the first two hearings held this week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Mar 2, 7:30 p.m. Bd. of Education hearing on Demographic Plans 1 and 2, Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School
Sat., Mar. 4, 10 a.m. - 12, Little League Registration, Youth Center.
Mon., Mar. 6, 7:30 p.m. GHI Information meeting on Rehabilitation, North End School
8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Tues., March 7, 7:30 p.m. North End PTA, North End School.
Thurs., Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m. Woman's Club of Greenbelt, Community Church

Plan 2, Savage said, is no better. Hastily completed, it picks out a small area — Boxwood, Lakeside North, University Square and Charlestowne Village to be bused 10 miles to attend a school 75 percent black. In addition, part of Springhill Lake, an integrated community, would be bused an equally long distance to another 75 percent black school.

The school committee in appearing before the school board, Savage emphasized, didn't want to be wholly negative and just say "No! No! No!" The committee has been meeting almost weekly since the demographic plan was first leaked in early December. Committee members have been searching out what they consider to be errors in the two plans and looking for positive alternatives that would help solve the problem the school board faces. Among the positive suggestions to be presented to the board are: cross-busing within Greenbelt, consideration of junior high, middle, and magnet schools, and a programmatic approach to achieve racial balance and stability.

Schwan Statement

"This is a very murky and difficult to understand study," Charles Schwan, member of the committee and of city council, told the audience. "The study has one aim: to reduce the number bused and the distance traveled. Two conditions were given: (1) not to re-segregate and (2) special consideration to be given areas which have become integrated, i.e., not to bus into or out of those communities." The majority, in the county, Schwan felt, favor such a reduction. However, he proceeded to show that neither condition would be met by plan 1 or plan 2. Of the 152 elementary schools in the county, 66 do not fall within the guidelines of not less than 10 nor more than 50% black students. Eight of these schools (including North End) would be closed. But under Plan 1, 62 schools would still fall outside the present guidelines; under Plan 2 the number drops slightly, to 53. Schwan then told the group that among those schools over 50% black the average black population would rise significantly under both plans:

Current Plan 1 Plan 2
#sch's over 50%
/under 10% black 66 62* 53*
Average black enrollment 61% 73.3% 68.7%
#schools over 70% black 13 29 28
* 8 schools whose current enrollment is over 50% black are scheduled to be closed under either Plan 1 or Plan 2.

"Thus condition number 1," Schwan argued, "has not been met." In some areas, he said, the second — shortening the distance traveled — is not met either. Springhill Lake students, under Plan 1, for example, would walk to school, but under Plan 2, 92 students (34 black and 58 white) would still be bused 10 miles to Oakcrest, 99 black students from Oakcrest would still travel 11 miles to Springhill Lake. From the core of Greenbelt, under Plan 2, 130 students (6 black, 124 white) would still be bused 11 miles to John Carroll and 130 black students from John Carroll would still be transported 11 miles to Center.

"Overall, Greenbelt has a black student population of 13.5%," Schwan told the audience. (Under Plan 2 there are 22 schools whose black population falls between 10 and 14.9%.) What happened to shortened distances and special consid-

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Urges GHI Frame Owners

Participate in Upcoming

Rehabilitation Decisions

To the Editor:

Nearly everyone wants to improve his or her surroundings, home, garden, environment, etc., those things one must continually look at and in which one must participate. The point, of course, is how best to do it.

In Greenbelt the frame homes and their "owners" come in for most criticism from GHI and masonry/cinder block dwellers. Some still bring up the promise government made that these dwellings would be temporary. The masonry dwellers think the frame houses an eyesore to the beauty of Greenbelt, not withstanding that many frame house dwellers have improved their homes and gardens at their own expense. According to GHI, it takes more to keep them in condition, heat them and prevent them from becoming "slums." During over 30 years residence in two frame houses, however, very little in the way of replacement or constructional repair has been done to mine or any frame unit in my vicinity, nor do they seem to need a great deal. For the time they were constructed (WW II and the type of house, the workmanship and material seems to have been very good indeed. Furthermore, I am very sure that if I had used the money flowing from my pocketbook to GHI for the maintenance, I could have improved my unit considerably. The cooperative way, however, is that I help pay for needs of others. Within limits that is a very worthy goal from which all should benefit.

My point is that I feel I pay my just share and really get the short end of the favors. I think it is high time the 1,000 frame unit dwellers form an organization of its own (perhaps a separate cooperative), that they elect an equal number of representatives to the board who will be committed to support their interests and oppose condescension from both GHI and our more "affluent" masonry dwelling neighbors. Personally I don't mind their condescension but . . .

No one pays my bills and no one has the right to tell me how to spend my money. I am as interested as any one in improving my home—open to suggestions and criticisms—but the decisions are mine.

Aluminum sidings (which do not need painting), proper insulation and sound-proofing of inner walls would add much to frame dwelling comfort, and I for one am willing to mortgage much of my small income, on my own terms, however, to accomplish this.

I do not believe that my payments to GHI should go up each year in order that GHI can put into execution any hair-brain idea the Board may believe would improve their little empire.

Since so far only a working plan has been submitted, this letter may seem premature, but knowing how the organization has railroaded its plans through the membership in the past, I would like to warn frame dwellers that they are liable to wake up some morning to find their monthly charges \$250 or more (and not from inflation). Do you think it will be easy to sell your unit, even with improvements, under those conditions?

Bettie G. Denson

Bus Question Clarified

To the Editor:

I was disappointed to see the manner in which your reporters interpreted my remarks at the February 20 city council meeting concerning the F-6 Metro route. Had they made a complete report they would have noted:

- that in my earlier written statement to the council, and in my remarks on February 20, I did not object to the F-6 route to Greenbelt—my objection concerns only the passage of Metro buses over Westway; and

- my statement concerning sending buses over Lakeside was in jest, indicating that that route would be as bad as Westway, ending my statement on this subject with " . . . I do not recommend buses on Lakeside."

I was also disappointed that your report implies that I spoke with little concern for the welfare of elderly and handicapped persons. In a professional capacity I have advocated both locally and throughout the nation for better services for the elderly—including transportation. On February 20, I made a special effort to state my support for good transportation for the elderly and handicapped. However, I understand Metro claims that routing the F-6 buses over Westway is necessary to serve them as individuals. My remarks only questioned Metro's data to support such a claim.

Again, I state my support for the F-6 route to Greenbelt. However, again I must object to the F-6 buses, and the buses of another route to follow later this year, traveling over narrow and residential Westway. My reasons for this are clearly stated in my letter to the city council several weeks ago . . .

Charles E. Wells

Warning to Mothers

To the Editor:

While burying my nose in law books in the library I was jostled out of my concentration by two little angels standing at my elbow waiting for me to look up. One asked, "Can you help us?" I didn't know. "What are you looking for?" There was some shifting of feet and one looking sheepishly at the other until: "She needs something!" I suggested that she contact the librarian and pointed her out. "Well, she can't help us find this." Me: "What's your problem?" More looking at each other until one decided: "She needs some money!" This gave the other the courage she needed. "Can I borrow \$.50 to go skating?" Me: "Well now, I really don't have any money for you to go skating". They both seemed to be around 8 years old and I couldn't believe it happened and they scampered on away with: "O. K., thank's anyway".

The reason for this comment is to warn you mothers to remind your little girls not to approach men under any circumstances and especially not asking for money. There are too many goofballs running around loose who may be glad to accommodate them and you could find them in a ditch. This warning cannot be overstressed, I think, and that experience, with this admonition, I hope will help in some small way to keep these angels on earth—among the living!

Charles D. Kendall, Sr.

Manager Holds Revenue Sharing Public Hearing

by Mary Lou Williamson

In accordance with Federal regulations, City Manager, James K. Giese, conducted a public hearing prior to the regular city council meeting on Feb. 27 to hear proposals for the use of revenue sharing funds during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978.

For the new fiscal year, the city estimates that \$102,420 of revenue sharing funds will be available.

Robert Lauer presented Giese with a shopping list for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad: (1) extension of the municipal alarm system to the Municipal Building and the Elderly Housing building when completed (\$500); (2) repairs to the parking lot (\$13,000); (3) furnishings for the new bunk room addition (\$9,000); and radios (\$5,200).

Bob Dove, president of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, urged funds for the reactivation of the senior citizen center. Funds would be used for a bus to transport senior citizens to twice weekly meetings at the Youth Center. The cost of a bus for the Monday and Wednesday meetings would be four dollars an hour for 7 hrs. per day or \$1,456 for Mondays for one year, \$1,248 for 6 hrs. per day for Wednesdays.

Leo Gerton, manager of High's begged for substantial improvement of the sidewalks in the center. In their present poor condition, he said, the walks are a safety hazard. Gerton went so far as to suggest the city might purchase the sidewalks. Councilman Richard Castaldi responded that the repair responsibility rests with the landlord. Repair or rather reconstruction is expensive, he noted, perhaps it could be a joint venture and then the city might take over the maintenance.

Mayor Richard Pilski, not feeling quite so kindly, quipped "the city may have to take legal action to get those sidewalks in good repair."

Mayor pro-tem Gil Weidenfeld inquired as to what "legal enforcement might already exist in county ordinances. The sidewalks are unsafe," he said. "The city went to great expense to fix up its part of the center. Would it be possible for the city to have an ordinance requiring owners to maintain their sidewalks?" he wondered.

In any event council promised Gerton that one way or another those sidewalks would be repaired this year.

On behalf of the Heart Association of Southern Maryland's CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) program, Gerton requested \$2,000-\$2,500. The funds would purchase 2 or 3 "Resuscitation-Annies"—the life-sized doll used in teaching CPR techniques. Gerton is hoping classes can be held in Greenbelt. Lauer told council that the fire department is not currently holding classes for the general public but hopes to do so in the future. Pilski expressed the hope that all city rescue and emergency personnel would acquire this life-saving capability.

Golden Age Conference

A one-day "Golden Age Conference" for senior citizens, free of cost, including both lunch and transportation, will take place at Prince Georges Community College on Wednesday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program is co-sponsored by the Community Services Division of the college and the Prince Georges County Division of Services and Programs for the Aging.

All activities will be in the Queen Anne auditorium on the Largo Campus. The conference will cover short courses and include a variety of topics in music, art, theatre, poetry, gardening, dance and physical fitness.

For more information, call 336-6000, x477.

Wyvill - Pray

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Wyvill of Upper Marlboro, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sally Elizabeth to Daniel Edward Pray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Pray of Greenbelt.

Miss Wyvill is employed at the County Court House. Pray is an Airman Recruit for the U.S. Navy.

Cub Pack Banquet

On Sunday, February 26, Cub Scout Pack 746 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet at St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall. Afterwards, the Scouts entertained their guests with skits. Mrs. Virginia L. Hunt, Den Leader Coach, was the Emcee for the evening.

Akela made a very special appearance and delivered the following awards: Bobcat Badges went to Scott Shiflett, James Lee, Mark Kegley, Paul Blair and Joseph Doss. Wolf Badges were awarded to Keith McDermott, Michael Griffin, Matthew Haynes, Todd Hurley, and Michael Zola. Donald Bratz received three silver arrowpoints and Eric Sacratini received two. Joseph Tousignant, Christopher Stallings, Andrew Stallings, Terry Zanin, Jason Evans and Young-han Ye earned the Traveller Webelos Activity Badge.

Special thanks were given to the leaders, Mrs. Ruth Haynes, Mrs. Dora Harper, Mrs. Kathryn Griffin, Mrs. Virginia Radcliffe, and Martin J. Murray. The pack sponsor, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, represented by Rev. Clifton Cunningham and Ralph E. Noble, and Patuxent Scout Chaplain, Rev. Kenneth Buker also received special thanks for making the evening a Scouting success.

Recreation Review

Kite Flying Contest

Have you been working on your kite? It is only one Saturday before the Annual Kite Flying Contest. This year, the contest will be held on Braden Field on Sat., March 11 at 12 noon. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. For further details, check the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Roller Skating

Come down to the Greenbelt Center Elementary School for the Recreation Department sponsored roller skating program. Bring skates, or rent them. A nominal fee is charged at the door. Days and times are as follows: Wed. 4-6 p.m. 1st thru 3rd Graders; Fri. 4-6 p.m. 4th thru 6th Graders; Sun. 1-3 p.m. Family Skate - All Ages.

Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878 for further information. **Open Area Gyms**

The following is a schedule for other open gyms in the area that are open to the public: Greenbelt Junior High School Sun., 2-6 p.m.; Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School Sun., 6-10 p.m.

Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wed., March 8, from 9:15-11:15 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist Church. The discussion topic will be "I-Messages." As homework, participants should note messages they try to get across to children and problems they encounter in doing so.

Refreshments will be provided and babysitting will be available. For information, call Betty Hughes at 474-8458.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 (Holy Communion 1st Sunday)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

MOWATT MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Church School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
 MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.
 (Cribbery and Nursery)

SERMON:

"The Making of A Miracle"
 Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham,
 Pastor 474-3381

Greenbelt Community Church

(United Church of Christ)

Hillside and Crescent Roads - Phone 474-6171 (mornings)

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside

Sun., 11 a.m. Worship Service and Church School

Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, co-pastors

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN !!

You are invited and welcomed to meet with us each week.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

474-4212

Bible Study for all ages (Sun)

Sunday Worship

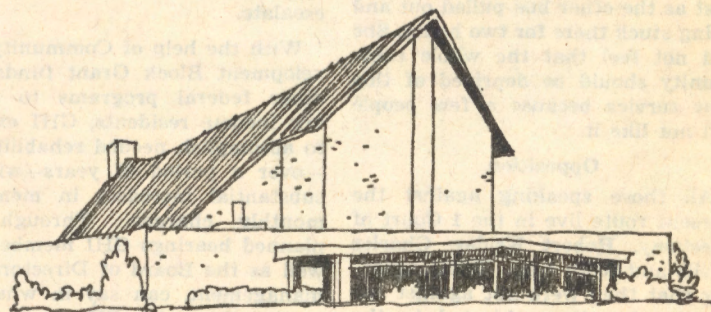
Mid-week prayer service (Wed)

For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays

9:45 am

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

6:00 pm



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

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 Since the R buses serve the Center. As a possible turnaround site, Lee suggested the area near the Charlestowne Village swimming pool. Wells expressed disappointment that no turnaround was listed as an alternative plan by the city manager.

Transit Official

S. Robert Rubin, Senior Transit Officer, Prince Georges County Department of Public Works and Transportation, told council that requests for service in the University Square-Charlestowne Village area had come from residents of that area. Rubin stated that all routes are a direct result of citizen input regarding routings. The professional staff in the county and transit authority try to make use of this input to arrange the best transportation possible for the greatest number of people.

Rubin praised city manager James Giese's alternative route suggestions, saying that the report was one of the finest he had seen. He suggested also that the city check its records to see what the accident record had been on the R line, which has operated successfully for years.

In answer to a question by Mayor Pro Tem Gil Weidenfeld about why the F6 was put where it is, Rubin explained that it was impossible to serve all parts of the city with one bus and since the north end of town was already served by the R bus, the F6 was put in the south end. There is "better than good transportation within the city of Greenbelt," Rubin said. He added that this is actually the preliminary step to Phase III when the subway comes to New Carrollton.

Council seemed convinced that the new service was necessary but had reservations about the route, especially the hill on Westway. Councilman Richard Castaldi felt it was a dangerous route. He wanted staff to find out if the county was taking some kind of log of passengers riding on the route. He also would like to find out if older buses are being used.

Proposed Alternative

The work session, which will be open to the public, will give council a chance to look at the present route as well as three possible alternatives drawn up by Giese. The bus now enters Greenbelt at Lakecrest and Greenbelt Road, goes to Lakeside, Westway, Crescent and the Center. Giese, at the request of council, had prepared the following list of alternative routes: (1) same as the present route except that buses would not use Westway beyond Ridge or Crescent between Westway and Southway; instead buses would travel both directions on Ridge between Westway and Southway to the Center; (2) instead of leaving Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest and using Lakeside, Westway and Crescent, the bus would continue on Greenbelt Road to Southway, then to the Center; (3) this route would turn north on Kenilworth Ave. and turn east onto Crescent and follow Crescent to the Center.

Giese noted that all four routes are suitable but felt that there were no overwhelming reasons to reject the established F6 route.

Bill Would Increase City Police Aid Funds

The City of Greenbelt will receive an additional \$12,000 in Police Aid Funds from the State under the provisions of a bill introduced in the Maryland General Assembly by Del. Gerard F. Devlin, one of Greenbelt's representatives in the House of Delegates.

The bill would mandate the payment of police aid funds to cities and towns in the same proportions as the municipalities provide police protection.

"My bill provides equity for those cities and towns that have their own police forces," Devlin said. "To the extent that Greenbelt taxpayers assume the burden of police protection, other county taxpayers are relieved of the burden, unless you live in cities like Greenbelt where you pay twice. This is simply wrong."

Presently Greenbelt receives \$72,522 a year in so-called police aid funds. Devlin's bill would increase that figure to almost \$85,000 in the next fiscal year.

1978 Auto Tag Renewal

The Motor Vehicle Administration has begun sending tag renewal applications to Maryland's 1.9 million passenger car and motorcycle owners. Validation stickers are available at all MVA offices.

The MVA reported, however, that about 80,000 motorists will not receive their tag renewal applications because they either failed to pay parking tickets or comply with safety equipment repair orders by Dec. 5. Motorists holding outstanding parking tickets will receive a letter, similar to a warning letter they previously received, informing them that their tag applications have been withheld, or "flagged," and spelling out the procedure for making payment. Motorists with unsatisfied repair orders already have been notified. Only after a motorist has cleared up all outstanding parking tickets and repair orders will the MVA issue him a tag application.

Insurance

MVA also reminds Maryland motorists that under the state's compulsory insurance law, every motor vehicle registered in the state must be insured in the minimum amounts of \$20,000/\$40,000 for bodily injury, \$5,000 for property damage, uninsured motorist coverage in the same amounts, and \$2,500 for economic loss. For motorcycles, however, economic loss coverage is not compulsory.

Motorists who have had their policies cancelled or whose insurance applications have been rejected by at least two private companies may apply to the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (MAIF), but in any case, they must have the necessary insurance coverage before they can receive their validation stickers.

In order to avoid standing in long lines, "motorists need only complete the application form and return it by mail with the required fee and insurance information to receive their stickers within a week or two, and without inconvenience." Applications received by mail later than March 20 may not be processed in time to meet the March 31 deadline.

Vehicle owners who do not receive their tag applications by the end of February should contact the MVA immediately, giving their present tag number, the vehicle title and vehicle identification number (serial number), full name, and present address. For further information motorists should contact the local MVA branch office at 5112 Berwyn Road or call the Glen Burnie tag renewal information number . . . 768-1800.

Validation stickers may be purchased from MVA Headquarters in Glen Burnie or at any MVA branch office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays.

DAV INSTALLATION

State Senator Ed Conroy will be the guest speaker at an installation dinner for the Prince Georges Disabled American Veterans Chapter #25, to be held on Tuesday, March 7 at Lefty Driesel's Restaurant, 9128 Baltimore Blvd., College Park.

The following officers will be installed by the Deputy Commander Rex Yenser:

Commander, Henry R. Fisher; Sr. Vice Commander, Leo Gerton; Jr. Vice Commander, Paul Lovell; Treasurer, Gordon Lush; Chaplain, Frank Eastman; Officer of the Day, Thomas A. Hall, Sr.; Sgt. at Arms, Charles (Bud) Barr; Historian, Spiro H. Kaleyias; Adjutant, Marshall Luckett.

County Newsletter

Prince Georges County Council's weekly citizens newsletter the Councilgram, is available free each week at all 18 branches of the Memorial Library system.

The newsletter details County Council legislative actions that take place at the Tuesday Council sessions, scheduled public hearings and new legislative proposals.

The Councilgram also deals with land use proposals and other issues confronting the legislative body, including Metrorail decisions and stances on proposed state legislation.



TWIN PINES SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

21st Annual Meeting of the Members

Tuesday, March 28, 1978 at 8 p.m.

City Council Meeting Room, City Office Bldg.

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland

AGENDA

- REPORTS BY PRESIDENT, TREASURER, MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND LOAN COMMITTEE
- ANNUAL ELECTIONS
- CONSIDERATION OF STIPENDS FOR DIRECTORS AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE MEMBER RELATIONS AND THE NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEES
- DISCUSSION OF LOAN-REFINANCING POLICIES

All members of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association are encouraged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be provided and door prizes will be awarded.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION:

Board of Directors:

(Three are to be elected to terms of three years)
 John A. Blue*
 Bruce Bowman
 Richard E. Craig*
 John W. Maffay
 John F. Unger
 Muriel Weidenfeld

Member Relations Committee:

(Two are to be elected to terms of two years)
 Theresa M. Downey
 Arlene M. Nascembeni

Nominations and Elections Committee:

(Two are to be elected to terms of two years)
 Sonia Garin
 Katherine Keene
 Charles H. Tompkins
 Stanley Yarkin

*Nominated by Petition. All others nominated by committee.

Biographies of all candidates will be published next week, if available.

Attention Greenbelt Citizens!

- Do you want to tell the school board what you think of Plans I & II?
- Do you want to tell the school board not to single out Greenbelt children for long-distance busing?
- Do you want to tell the school board not to send Greenbriar children to their third school in three years?
- Do you want to tell the school board not to drag the county into court over re-segregation of its schools?
- Do you want to tell the school board to come up with a complete plan for the education of all children?
- Do you want to tell the School board why they should not close North End School?

Then, come to the meetings at Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Tell the School Board members what you think. Sign up by calling 952-4324. Or just come to show your support for Greenbelt Children and Greenbelt Schools.

Dirty Business or Going to the Dogs

by Linda Orenstein

When I became a resident of Charlestowne Village, I had no idea that I would be reliving my childhood. But hopscotch is a part of my daily life and I have thought of adopting "Tiptoe through the Tulips" as my theme song. The problem is that what I have been tiptoeing through has not been tulips. I am subtly trying to say that the proposals put forth and enacted by the Charlestowne Village Condominium Pet Committee (of which I am a dedicated member) did not (that is to put it mildly) go over.

The pet committee was formed one Sunday spring morning when neighbors were outside complaining about animals running loose and the downright hazardous effects of walking on the grassy areas in the condominium. Nancy Hindman, now President of the Board, informed everyone that she was forming a pet committee and that all of those griping were going to participate. We made an honest attempt to involve various pet owners in the group but those people who were approached were either not interested or professed interest but never attended a meeting.

The committee began by stating problems concerning having pets in the condominium and then set about to find solutions. The members wanted it pressed home to the residents, that according to the by-laws, city and county ordinances, they were not permitted to let their animals run freely, but that the animals were to be leashed and accompanied at all times. The second important point was that pet owners were not to walk their animals in areas not belonging to the condominium or that would disturb the privacy of others. The Prince Georges County Animals Control Ordinance (CB-143-76) and the existence of the Greenbelt Animal Warden gave the committee some credibility in its effort to wage a clean-up campaign.

We started to take affirmative action. If someone saw an animal running loose, he or she was advised to call the animal warden. Letters of complaint about a particular animal were directed to the Animal Control Commission, which in turn wrote a polite but firm letter to the owner of the offending animal. Unfortunately, I believe most of the knuckle-rapping communications ended up in the trash or as paper for shopping lists. Our condominium newsletter attempted to discreetly embarrass people by printing "Pooper-Scooper Awards," describing the pet at fault. If one of us saw a pet unleashed on the "grassy (is that what they are called) areas, we would tell the owner that this was not to be done. It is difficult to think that you have gotten a point across when someone continues to give you a bland uncomprehending stare or a slow smile but does nothing to leash his or her pet.

Dog-walking Areas

The committee settled on dog-walking areas, an idea gleaned from someone who had traveled through Great Britain and had seen them in operation. Unfortunately they had no information to offer as to the best possible way to construct them. Letters were written to various organizations for information and calls were made for the same purpose. A survey was made of the animals in the condominium. The established dog-walking system consist of five walking areas positioned throughout the condominium, encircled with treated used railroad ties. The idea of covering the ground with chips or any other substance was rejected because of the unfeasibility of upkeep and the problem of young children playing in the vicinity. The areas would be cleaned by the maintenance department daily when the daylight temperature was 40° F and every other day when the daylight temperature was 40° F or below. Maintenance costs would be paid for from condominium funds.

A packet was assembled containing information pertinent to the plan which was to be put into action. It included that portion of the bylaws which deals with pets, pet rules of the condominium, county regulations, City of Greenbelt regulations, sample letters to the Animal Control Commission, and a map of the condominium. I wouldn't care to survey how many Charlestowne Villagers read our

finely written, carefully xeroxed and swiftly delivered product, but it can't be said that there was a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the committee.

If you are under the impression that being a member of the pet committee was a breeze, you are misinformed. There is no particular prestige attached to this position and a good sense of humor should have been a prerequisite for being a committee member. If someone asked where I was off to and I truthfully replied, "To a pet committee meeting," there was no end to the smirks and all-in-fun commentaries. You don't honestly believe that it was known as the "pet" committee do you? I was constantly defending myself against the charge that I was an animal hater, which was not and is not, true. Many residents feel as I do that if they can't comply with the rules for having a pet, then they will wait until such time as they can do so.

Our committee meetings were serious but, I cannot deny it, uproarious, as the subject at hand lent itself to all types of jokes. The work sessions were a type of social gathering and evoked a special camaraderie. If we accomplished nothing else, at least we had spirit.

Depressing Response

I would typify the response to the completed walking areas as depressing. Initially one group of townhouses didn't like the location of their walking area. This was easily remedied by moving the railroad ties. People seem surprised to see the walking areas. I can only wonder about the necessity for a special remedial reading program in Charlestowne Village. Perhaps it should be instituted and held in April, preferably on the grassy areas.

Now there are ties missing from some spots and most pets do not use the areas at all. However, there have always been those pet-owning neighbors that diligently walk their animals and are considerate at all times. The pet committee has not yet had a follow-up meeting. Maybe we just don't have the heart.

Spring is in the air and any traces of snow have vanished from the green expanses. Anyone who has seen me lately, may have noticed that I hop a little when I walk and softly hum my old favorite. I was concerned about writing an article like this for fear of "loaded" retaliation from pet-owners. I was reassured by the News Review that damages would be paid. I replied that all that would be needed was a scooper and a paper bag.

Overpass Easement Issue To Be Decided March 15

At the February 27 City Council meeting an Advisory Planning Board report regarding the overpass was accepted.

On March 15, Phase I of Greenbriar will hold its annual meeting at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High. At that time the residents will vote on the question of granting an easement for the overpass to be constructed across the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. The question will be included in the notification of the meeting as proxy votes will be enclosed. Council offered to supply any additional information which would be needed for Phase I residents to make their decision.

Pet Problems Slow GHI Board; Money Issue Easier

by Katherine Keene

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors met February 23 to consider what appeared to be a short agenda. In no time at all they had completed half the items—but then they ran into the proposed Pet Policy and Regulations and promptly began a session that continued almost as long as the earlier public meetings to consider a new pet policy.

There was general agreement that members should not be bitten by vicious dogs and that animals that rend the neighborhoods with constant barking ought to be quieted. Margaret Hogenson pointed out that members sometimes complain about pets when the problem is really some sort of personal clash with the owners of the animal, and that indeed a pet owner may be subject to harassment by some neighbors. Much of the long discussion centered on whether or not complaints about pets should be taken to city and county offices first. Only then, perhaps, would GHI's lawyer be instructed to seek a court injunction if the conditions causing complaints were not corrected. Eventually, nearly an hour after discussion of barking, yard cleaning, what was meant by "effective control" and such emotion-laden items began, the proposed motions were referred to management for clarification.

The next item appeared to be another short one. With the advent of Maryland Housing Fund Insurance for individual member loans to purchase GHI units, Manager Breashears suggested that GHI should reconsider its policy on down payment requirements to purchase a GHI unit. It should now be possible to require down payments of only 10% instead of the present 20%. Management had suggested that the amount be either 10% or the equivalent of 10 months' monthly charges, plus working capital and other fees. After considerable discussion on the possible effect of such a policy, a motion by Virginia Moryadas to have a 10% down payment contingent upon obtaining insurance for 100% of the purchase loan was passed. (Working capital and other fees would still be in addition to the down payment.)

By this time it was 11 p.m., but the board had completed most of its business. The meeting was followed by a short meeting of the Greenbelt Development Corporation, comprised of the GHI Board, acting as directors of the apartment buildings owned by GHI on Parkway. The GDC Board voted to allow the Manager to explore possibilities for locating a federal postal facility where the garages now stand near Parkway and Crescent.

Tryouts for Actors

Grenoble Theatre Guild will hold tryouts at St. Hugh's Elementary School Gym for its Spring play, *The Heiress*, on the following dates: March 17 at 7:30 p.m.; March 18 at 3 p.m.; and March 19 at 3 p.m.

The people of Greenbelt are invited to participate in the development of a community theatre by working with this group. The objective is to bring to the area the finest in stage entertainment possible.

Help for Labor Day

The Nominations Committee wants candidates for the Labor Day Festival Committee. Anyone who would like to serve the community during the 1978 Festival—or can suggest someone, please volunteer now. For further information call Ruth Dee (474-2973), Betty Sonneveldt (345-1033), or Wayne Williams (474-1259).

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THE GREENBELT NURSERY SCHOOL MEETING NEEDS OF COMMUNITY

by Leta Mach

Each year during February, the Maryland Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools (MCP PNS) will be sponsoring an annual publicity open house. With posters, articles and open houses in many member schools, the council fosters public awareness of cooperative nursery schools. Maryland's first cooperative nursery schools were the Silver Spring Nursery School, founded in 1939; the Kensington Nursery School, founded in 1940; and the Greenbelt Nursery School, founded in 1941. One other cooperative nursery school operates in Greenbelt, the Goddard Child Development Center. However, membership in this cooperative is limited to employees of NASA.

In recalling the formation of the Greenbelt Nursery School, Mary Jane Kinzer, then Director of Community and Family Services in Greenbelt, stressed its purpose to meet the needs of the community.

At that time, the results of a community survey had shown high interest for a nursery school, although many indicated a difficulty in paying even a small tuition. Fi-

be held on April 2 at Albert Einstein High School. During the 1960s an international organization for nursery schools was formed. Parent Cooperative Preschools International. Currently the council is searching for parent alumni of co-operatives to survey the effects of the cooperative experience upon their lives.

From the beginning, when a co-op nursery school was organized at the University of Chicago in 1916, cooperatives have emphasized the importance of personal involvement in childrearing. Thus the traditional cooperative nursery school uses parents as teacher aides. Fathers, as well as mothers, are encouraged to participate. The sharing of special talents such as cooking, playing musical instruments, or performing simple chemistry experiments is part of the curriculum in many co-ops. Another continuing theme is the importance of education for adults as well as children. While no single educational philosophy is advocated by cooperative schools, the need for personal growth and the rights of all participants — parents, teachers, and children — is uniformly stressed. In this regard, the acceptance of differences among people is vital to the cooperative movement. Members are chosen regardless of race, creed or national origin.

Cooperatives are run by and for their members, who participate in the administration, finance, maintenance, and teaching of their schools. However, in response to community needs, the Greenbelt Nursery School offers a variety of programs. These include a five day co-oping program, a three day non-co-oping program, an extended day and a class for two-year olds. Yet the purpose of the nursery school remains as it was expressed in the first by-laws, "to provide under skilled guidance, opportunities to the preschool child for cooperative play, creative activity and social adjustment; to promote parent education and cooperation between home and school."

Kool Klovvers 4-H

by Pam White

The Kool Klovvers met Sunday, Feb. 26, in the home of Susan Dambraskas to plan the spring activities. Activities included will be a cake decoration demonstration in April, a short bike-hike in Greenbelt on April 16, a batiking demonstration by Susan Dambraskas on April 30. A picnic for members and their families is planned for May 14 at the Greenbelt Park.

We welcomed as new members to our club Margaret Williamson and Patty Freeman.

Some of our members went ice skating at the new Calvert Road rink on February 3.

Officers for the coming year are Fran Rall, president; Pam White, secretary and reporter; Melia Murray, treasurer; Diana Turkiewicz, game and song leader, and Margaret Williamson, telephone chairperson. Susan Dambraskas is our junior leader and Linda Simonson is our leader.

Our next meeting will be held March 12 at 2:15 p.m. in the home of Margaret Williamson. Pam White and Fran Rall will each present a demonstration.

Survival Meeting March 8

The P.G. Co. Mobilization for Survival will hold its next meeting on Wed., Mar. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library Conference Room.

Dial 911 for Fire/Rescue

by Wayne Lewis

Prince Georges County has recently enacted new smoke detection legislation which requires smoke detection devices to be installed in many existing dwellings by July 1 of this year. Included are multi-family dwellings of three or more units, apartment houses and many others. In the interest of public safety and to inform community residents about smoke detection devices, Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Smoke Detector Seminar on March 11 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., with demonstrations, displays, films and information. This seminar is free and the public is invited.

Last Saturday, the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad celebrated another year of service to the community and honored several of its members at its annual installation ceremony. The main speaker was the mayor of Greenbelt, Richard Pilski. In the audience were several members of the Greenbelt city council, as well as many county and state fire officials.

Firefighter Joseph Aulisio a member of the company since Nov. 1973, was named Greenbelt's Firefighter-of-the-Year for his many contributions to the company. The firefighter running the most calls during the year went to "Dicky" Wynkoop, who ran on 799 of the 1454 calls made by the department. Service awards were given to several other members for their years of service to the department and the community. President Robert Lauer and Chief Michael Dutton presented special awards to several members for their contributions to the organization during the past year. A dance followed the ceremony.

Tax Sharing Bill Initiated by Devlin

Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-Bowie) has called for a study by the State Department of Fiscal Services of the implementation of a 1975 statute permitting tax sharing between county and municipal governments.

"I am very concerned about residents of incorporated areas who pay both county and city governments for the same services but receive services only from the municipality," Devlin said "The thrust of the legislation I have introduced is to provide the data to close this double taxation gap."

"While several counties, and I am happy Prince Georges County is one of them, have established tax differential ordinances it is clear that we still have a long way to go in this area."

Bluebird Program at NASA

Bird lovers are invited to participate in celebration of Bluebird week activities beginning Saturday, March 4. Sponsored by the County Beautification Committee to honor the local county bird, the bluebird, these activities are open to all. On Sat., March 4, 10 a.m. at the Visitor's Center at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, there will be a slide show program and youth will present bluebird boxes. Bring picnic lunch or eat at the snack bar. Nature walk will follow lunch. For information call Chuck Dupree 982-5237.

4-H Horse Program

A 4-H Horse Program will be held at Greenbelt Library, April 4, 11 and 18, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. This program is free and open to all youngsters from 9-19. It is a beginners' program for youth who like horses, want to learn about them, but are not lucky enough to own a horse. Topics include: "Horse Talk," "Horse Care" and "Buy A Horse, Not Trouble." For more information and to pre-register, call the 4-H Office at 952-3136.

Foster Homes Needed

The P.G. County Department of Juvenile Services needs foster homes for teenagers. These are youths who cannot remain in their own homes because of family conflicts or personal problems. For more information call the Resource Office at 952-4780 or write to Department of Juvenile Services, P. O. Box 159, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20870.

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Springhill Lake Baseball season is about to start for all boys and girls ages 6 thru 12. Applications are available at the Community House. Sign-ups for the Major League will be March 1 thru 15 and for the Minor League, March 16 thru 31 at the Community House. The try-outs and draft will be at the Greenbelt Junior High School Ball Fields No. 5 and No. 6 on Mar. 18 at 10 a.m. Rain date is the 25th. You must be signed up to try out. Registration fee is \$6.50.

Greenbelt Little League

Little League Baseball season is almost here again. If you are between the ages of 8-12 as of April 24, you are eligible to play Little League Ball. Sign ups will be held on March 4 and 11, from 10-12 noon at the Youth Center. You must have a copy of your birth certificate. Sign up early to avoid the late rush and help get the league off to a good start.

Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club

The annual registration for the Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club will be held on March 11 and 18 at both the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Greenbelt Youth Center. (Both Centers are under the auspices of the City of Greenbelt.) A yearly fee covers all sports for the calendar year such as baseball, softball, football, soccer, basketball and cheerleading. For one child, it is \$15; two children in same family, \$20; three children in same family, \$25; and four or more children in the same family, the cost is \$30.

The softball program is for girls between the ages of 11-18 years. The first meeting for softball will be on April 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

The baseball program is for boys between the ages of 13-18 years. The first meeting for baseball will be on April 3, 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

Greenbelt Women's Slow-Pitch Softball

This is a first class competitive league, with play on par with area A.S.A. Slow-Pitch Leagues. Limited to ten (10) teams to play a double round robin (two halves). The winner of this league will compete in sectional play towards the Regional A.S.A. competition. League teams will be chosen on a first come, first served basis with priority going to teams whose rosters have the highest number of residents participating. Resident team fee is \$250.00; Non-Resident team, \$300.00. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 474-6878.

Mens "B" League Slow-Pitch Softball

A recreational type league with competition on a leisure time level, affiliated with A.S.A. leagues. Limited to eight (8) teams or less to play a double round robin (two halves). The winner of this league will be the City's "B" League Champion. The winner of the first half will advance to sectional play.

League teams will be chosen on a first come, first served basis, with first priority going to teams whose rosters have the highest number of residents participating. Entry fee is as follows: Resident team, \$150.00; Non-Resident Team, \$175.00. For further information, contact the Recreation Department, 474-6878.

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Nominated to fill a vacancy of Indirect Provider on the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency Governing Body is Greenbelter Susan B. Waters.

Marine Private Danny R. Newton, son of Barbara A. Newton, of Greenbelt, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

At Virginia Tech's College of Arts and Sciences, Greenbelter, Janis E. McFarland, a senior in biology, has made the Dean's List.

Local artist, Edward G. Ruestow, will exhibit at the 153rd Annual Exhibition of the National Academy of Design opening at the Academy's galleries in New York City, through Mar. 20.

In San Antonio, Texas, the husbands of two Greenbelt women have recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB. Kathy Place, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelaher and Vicki Cooter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Findley can be proud of their husbands.

Esther Gerson, 45-D Ridge, retired this week after 9 years at Twin Pines. She plans to accompany her husband, Hi, also retired and currently city animal warden, on his rounds. Esther enjoys helping Hi to care for the animals, occasionally the Gersons even temporarily board an animal while owners are being located. She invites friends to call on her at home.

This week's bridge winners with a total of 72 points were Tony Pisano and Neil Zimmerman. Runners-up in second place were Doris Johnson and Ruth Schuetzle, 68 pts., and third place Sue Jordan and Peg Wainscott, 64 pts.

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Woman's Club News

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt will be held Thurs., March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Greenbelt Community Church. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Gladys Dill, a member of the National Quilting Association. There will also be a display of quilts, as well as any art or craft objects members may wish to show.

CUB SCOUTS NEED LEAD'R

Greenbelt's Cubscout Pack 746 is looking for a new Cubmaster. Mrs. Howard L. Hunt, Jr. has helped out as acting Cubmaster for the past two years, in addition to her many other responsibilities in scouting.

The Pack needs a leader with an interest in children who can serve as a role model for this important post. To suggest some one, please call 345-3761.

Free Eye Tests Offered

In celebration of SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK, March 5-11, Drs. Fine, Miller, and Miller optometrists, are providing a free visual screening at their office on Saturday, March 11, between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eye pressure testing and visual acuity testing will be performed. They welcome people to partake of this unique public service. The office is located at 5701 Greenbelt Rd., Berwyn Heights. For further information, call 345-2053.

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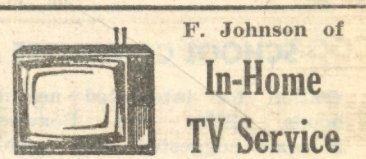
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Greenbelt's Library

The Wednesday Funday program will continue to entertain ages 6-9 at 4 p.m. in the Program Room with books, films and crafts fun. Thursday brings another session of the Drop-In Series program for ages 3-5. This half hour of stories, songs and fingerplays begins at 2 p.m. in the Program Room.

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eration for integrated neighborhoods (SHL and Boxwood)? Schwan suggested they received their own kind of "special consideration."

"But it gets worse," he continued. Of the 1139 students bused more than 9 miles, 221 come from Greenbelt — 19.5%. "In the entire county only 231 white students are bused that far," said Schwan, "182 come from Greenbelt (78.8%) and with our neighbors, Berwyn Heights and Westchester Apartments, the total is 221!"

Greenbriar children under either plan would be transferred to Magnolia, their third school in three years, as would those of Glen Oaks and Windsor Green. All three communities totaling 2000 units, are in the process of being built. With only 26 extra spaces available, Magnolia would not be able to house those developments beyond 1 or possibly 2 years. Schwan estimated that, when completed, the 3 communities might contain 389 school age children — or 76.3% of the capacity of North End School which both Plan 1 and Plan 2 would close."

Gough Statistics

Katherine Gough illustrated with several transparencies the inequities of busing. One list shows communities involved in long distance busing under Plan 2.

Black students outnumber white students on this list by 4 to 1.

Another list, several pages long, shows "Busing Out of Contiguous Areas Plans 1 and 2" in summary

	Number of neighborhoods bused	Plan 1	Plan 2
White (0-10%)	0	2	
Integrated (10-50%)	4	12	
Black (50-100%)	16	30	

Others Speak

Erwin Hirschman, in what was more comment than question, challenged "Since integration, how much has education been improved?" Greenbelter Katherine Keene, a county high school teacher since 1955, responded that she has seen a general improvement in both behavior and performance since integration. While it was slow progress, it would be tragic not to continue. She would urge that "for the good of the country, fully integrated schools" is the best direction to take.

Bob Barshay objected to busing integrated areas into racially tipped schools. Agreeing with him, Gough reiterated that "we want to be sure that there is an integrated school at the end of that bus ride, at the very least."

Greenbriar

Two Greenbriar residents spoke. Dick French, who will speak at Thursday's public hearing, felt Greenbriar was really "getting the shaft. With our children being assigned to 3 different schools in 3 years and the possibility of a 4th in another 1-2 years! We are proud to be Greenbelters. Now, with the B-W overpass about to be built, we have an opportunity to become part of Greenbelt; but the school board is going to send us down the road in the other direction!"

Mrs. Vaccaro said her daughter in the third grade was very upset at the idea of changing schools again. Vaccaro later told the *News Review* that she and her family expect to remain in Greenbriar for many years. They want to be part of the Greenbelt community. "We don't really care whether our children go to Center or North End, just so long as they stay in Greenbelt," she said.

Norman Weyel, Greenbelt Homes Board member, remarked that "young couples have been finding it increasingly difficult to purchase a GHI home in the North End because of the large downpayment required. We are in the process of trying to change that situation, hopefully within the year . . . this could change the population trends of the last several years."

Martin Holly spoke as a representative of Betterment for United Seniors and Neighborhood United Projects. His organization recommends that school buildings be used for educational purposes if possible, but in any case the buildings should be saved. He decried the possibility of taxpayers having to pay for new

buildings at some point in the future because of current short-sightedness. "The people cannot pay more taxes!" he pleaded.

Asked what money would be saved by the plans, School Board member Lesley Kreimer responded that the staff estimates \$80,000 per school closing and roughly \$10 million from reduced busing. Jordan Choper called this "dollars education." In response to a question from Choper, Kreimer said that School Board attorney Paul Nussbaum does feel that either plan would be legal, that others have also thought the plans might be acceptable to the courts. In formulating the plans, Kreimer said staff figured in some give and take, e.g. if children were not going to be bused (under Plan 1) from Boxwood and other areas of Greenbelt; then Greenbelt would not object so much to the closing of one of its schools, provided staff could substantiate the need with figures. A "trade-off" she suggested, but noted that within Plan 2 Greenbelt doesn't get the reward.

"Will the plans pass muster," Darwin Beck wondered. "Maybe it is possible, but just." It was unfortunate that the board appeared willing to stay just inside the law, he said, "they are really on the road to resegregating the schools."

Probably the greatest concern of those in the audience was the lack of a broadly based plan. "The staff was interested only in juggling numbers" said Barshay "there was no input for academic programs". He said it was "very unfortunate that the only input was from pupil accounting." Board member JoAnn Bell, District 7, who was present and Kreimer both strongly prefer an overall plan that would include the junior high study, middle schools, magnet schools, and a programmatic approach to achieving racial balance and stability.

Jack Steiffer, Greenbelter and teacher at Roosevelt, had polled his classes last week. "For the most part they are happy with things as they are. In other words," said Steiffer, "like adults, they are conservative and against change. I think the plan is faulty. Because the county is so big, the people who drew up the plan don't really know where all the small neighborhoods are like Greenbriar. These neighborhoods aren't real, just numbers on paper."

Councilman Tom White and others questioned why several new schools are opening in the area at the same time that North End is considered for closing. Kreimer responded "those new schools were planned long before we fully saw the change in population trend. We were concerned also with the aging schools inside the beltway. She could foresee the school board voting to close many of those schools including Center, North End and Greenbelt Junior High—all on the basis of age. Then we really would have one-way busing. Also, she admitted, "it has been easier to get state funds for replacement of old schools rather than for renovation."

Bell agreed. "Building codes change," she said, "for example, we cannot put the latest chemical lab equipment in these old buildings." (The very old University of Vienna (Austria) chemical labs had the latest equipment when he studied there, scoffed Hirschman.) Also it takes seven years from the initial planning decision until the building is ready for use. Weyel countered "I take exception to the idea that old buildings are not as good. I'll take North End anyway over Roosevelt—that place is falling down! There aren't even any door knobs some places."

State Senator Ed Conroy said he had seen a change in attitude at the state level — away from new construction. He felt they were now encouraging reconstruction of existing facilities. However, he thought the state level bureaucrats sometimes erred in overruling decisions made at the local level, they didn't know the situation.

In summing up, Mayor pro-tem Gil Weidenfeld said "no one contributed to the original desegregation plan, it was done by the courts and we could not participate. If there is going to be a change now,

Lions Honor Merricks

At the Lion's Club dinner meeting on Monday, Feb. 27, coach John Merricks was honored and presented with a plaque by Lion President Ivan Lindahl.

The long time and very popular and successful Crossland High School football coach was praised for his achievements. He was lauded not only for his victories but for his contributions to youth.

Over the years John has worked with Greenbelt children at the junior high school, summer camps and in other capacities.

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The Lions and his many friends wish him the very best in retirement.

BETHUNE PTSA

The Mary Bethune PTSA will hold a book sale on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. before the regular PTSA meeting at the school. Books for the sale may be placed in the box located in the Co-op or brought to the meeting that night.

LWV March Meetings

Health services and problems in Prince George's County will be the topic at March meetings of the League of Women Voters. The study committee, chaired by Mildred Pacl, will present information about the Public Health Department and discuss problems in health services delivery. An overview of mental health services will be given, and there will be discussion of the Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency and its proposal.

League meetings are open to the public. Local meetings are: Wednesday, March 8, Northern County PM at College Park Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, March 9, Northern County AM at the College Park Municipal Building at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call Sara Young, 839-2430.

Boys and Girls Club

Drawing for the mo-ped will be March 7 at 8 p.m. at the Youth Center. Mayor Richard Pilski will draw the winning ticket.

A board of directors meeting will follow.

All basketball team members should have their tickets and money in by Friday, March 3. All other tickets and money should be turned in to Mrs. Wason (474-6525) by Monday, March 6.

Registration

All memberships expire March 31. Renewal registrations will be held at the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Rec. Center on March 11 from 1 to 3 and March 18 from 10 till noon.

Softball and baseball practice begins April 1. Any girl 11 or older and any boy 13 or older wanting to play baseball should register with the club at the March sign-ups.

it will be done by the school board and there must be equity. But there is no equity for the 221 Greenbelt and neighboring students who are bused long distances. What we need is a plan with some future in it, for the Windsor Green-Greenbriar community the plan has a life of 1 to 2 years. The staff is setting up a condition where schools are resegregated. It will surely fail in court. Instead we need educational stability."

In the same vein Schwan said "We need and have the right to speak to our needs but unless the plan will stand a court test, it will falsely raise the hopes of some and the anxieties of others. Even a court with "tunnel vision" would reject these plans."

Mayor Richard Pilski thanked Savage, Gough and others on the committee for all their work. He stressed to those in the audience that they should attend the public hearing Thursday at Roosevelt. "North End School," he said "has identity and tradition. Let's fight for our identity!"

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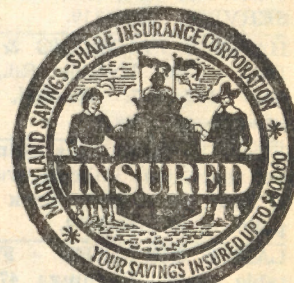
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